

# Old Dog Haven



May 2019

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## OLD DOGS ARE THE FLOWERS OF SPRING

If you're reading this e-newsletter for the first time, we'd like you to know that Old Dog Haven publishes two different newsletters: our print newsletters—published in March, July, and November—focus primarily on the people who help our dogs, and our e-newsletters—published in January, May, and September—feature our dogs in a variety of ways. The content is different for each newsletter, so don't miss any of them if you'd like to get the full range of news and features about us and the dogs we love.

In this issue you'll read about Sparky, Phillip, and Buddy, three dogs that have been helped with donations from the Maranda Fund, a special fund used to pay for treatment/procedures/surgery that go beyond normal expenses. Their stories are a testament to what a difference love, excellent care, and being valued can make in a senior dog's life. We also include mailbox notes and photos, dog smiles, information about this year's Walk for Old Dogs, a message from our volunteer coordinator, and details about GiveBIG. As always, there is a summary of dog activity and a spring message from our executive director Ardeth De Vries.

## MAY/JUNE EVENTS

### MAY

Sat. May 11 12:00 P.M.  
**Mud Bay Mill Creek Meet & Greet**  
1018 164th St. SE  
Mill Creek

Sat. May 18 10:00 A.M.  
**Auburn Petpalooza**  
Game Farm Park, 3030 R St., SE  
Auburn

Sat. May 18 11:00 A.M.  
**Mud Bay Vancouver Meet & Greet**  
2100 SE 164th Ave. Vancouver

Sun, May 19 12:00 P.M.  
**Puyallup Pups & Purrs**  
Sunrise Village PetSmart  
10309 156th St. E Puyallup



### JUNE

Sat. June 1 12:00 P.M.  
**Reber Ranch Meet & Greet**  
28606 132nd Ave. SE.  
Kent

Sun. June 9 12:00 P.M.  
**Coldwell Banker's  
"Somebody to Love" Give a  
Dog a Home Event**  
611 31st Ave SW  
Puyallup

Sat. June 22 8:00 A.M.  
**PetsWalk**  
Muriel Iverson Williams  
Waterfront Park  
18809 Anderson Parkway  
Poulsbo

Sat. June 29 9:00 A.M.  
**Tacoma Humane Society  
Dog-A-Thon,**  
Fort Steilacoom Park,  
8717 87th Ave SW  
Lakewood

Sat. June 29 1:00 P.M.  
**Seattle Pridefest**  
1425 Broadway  
Seattle

We'll be  
attending these  
events. Stop by  
and see us!

**SAVE THIS DATE!**  
**SUN. JULY 21**  
8th annual  
**WALK FOR OLD DOGS**  
and  
Old Dog Pageant  
10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.  
Cromwell Park  
Shoreline

For information or to  
register go to

[http://  
www.odhwalkforolddogs.org/](http://www.odhwalkforolddogs.org/)



COSMO



BOWZER & KODEY

### About Old Dog Haven

Old Dog Haven provides assisted living and hospice care for unadoptable senior dogs (8 years and older) as well as help in placing adoptable senior dogs in new, loving homes. We serve western Washington, with Final Refuge homes from Blaine to Vancouver. To find out more, visit [www.olddoghaven.org](http://www.olddoghaven.org)



LUCKY & JUNIOR

### How to Help

If you'd like to be part of the Old Dog Haven family, select **How to Help** on the home page of our website to see the many ways you can join us in helping our dogs.

## ADOPT!

All of the senior dogs you see pictured in the border that runs the length of the newsletter (see left) are available for adoption (as of 5/2). Most are in shelters, living in cages, desperately waiting for a forever home; a few are in foster care; and many are posted for individuals. All of these amazingly resilient dogs are looking for forever homes. Go to our website ([www.olddoghaven.org](http://www.olddoghaven.org)) to find out more about these adoptable dogs.

## MARANDA FUND RECIPIENTS: Phillip, Sparky, and Buddy

The Maranda Fund was inspired by a dog named Maranda that arrived at Old Dog Haven as a stray in 2009. Maranda required surgery to repair her torn knee ligaments, and despite a generous discount from the veterinary clinic, the surgery was very costly and would not have been financially possible unless a special fund was established, and so the Maranda Fund was created. Because of generous donors, Maranda had her surgery and went on to live a happy, healthy life.

In 2018, 20 dogs were helped by the Maranda Fund and this year so far eight dogs have received extensive treatment paid for by the Maranda Fund. Here are the stories of three of our recipients: Phillip, Sparky, and Buddy.

### PHILLIP *by Mary Goetz*

I became a permanent foster mom for Old Dog Haven in September of 2018, and drove to the shelter on October 5<sup>th</sup> to bring home my first foster, Phillip, AKA Prince Phillip or Mr. PP. This little 15-pound Shih Tzu was a hot mess, with an overgrown and matted coat and urinary Incontinence, for starters. The folks at the shelter had to trim the hair away from his eyes to determine if he could see. As we left the shelter and walked around the parking lot, I noticed that Phillip was licking up rain water from the parking lot and grass, which made me think that he was accustomed to scrounging for water. This little dude rode beautifully in the car for the long drive back to Vancouver, where our first stop was for a bath and haircut, then to purchase belly bands to handle the urinary incontinence issue.



Once we started veterinary care, X-rays showed that Phillip's urethra was full of bladder stones. Both his primary veterinarian, and subsequently the surgeon, stated that the build-up of stones in this little guy had to have happened over a period of years. He was obviously uncomfortable when touched around his belly. He struggled to relieve himself and he dribbled urine when he walked around or slept.

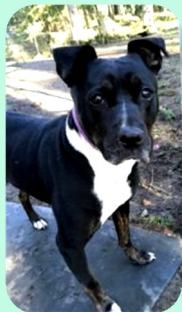
On January 4<sup>th</sup>, Phillip was examined by a surgeon and taken to surgery later that day. Both his bladder and urethra were flushed out surgically; his little urethra was misshapen by the stones, more evidence that they had been there a long time, and there is still one tiny remnant imbedded in the tip of his prepuce.







DILLON



BABY



CARAMELA



QUEEN



KIKO



MR. COOPER

The amazing thing is that when I brought Phillip home less than 24 hours later, he was already acting like a new dog. Despite staples and stitches, he came home bouncy and strutted around—like nothing I had seen with him. With pain meds on board, I imagine he had not felt so good in years, which made me happy and sad at the same time. He recovered and healed without incident, and since then his appetite and energy levels have notably improved—at age 13!

I have always been a big dog girl, but this little guy has the attitude and spunk of a big dog. Though he has eye issues, hip dysplasia, and is in desperate need of a thorough dental, he has such a zest for life and has become bonded to this family. Whether I am outside without him for half an hour, or away from home for six hours, he greets me the same way at the door with yips of excitement while running and bouncing around me. Phillip sometimes chases, while barking, big dogs at the dog park. He is fearless! And Phillip always wags his curly tail when he meets other little dogs and children.

The Maranda Fund gave this little dude so much physical relief that he can enjoy life and activity again. I am thankful for this fund and for Old Dog Haven for providing medical care for so many senior dogs, so that they can enjoy their retirement in comfort and happiness.



Maranda Funds needed to help Phillip: \$4,187.03

## BUDDY *by Diane McElhinney*

“That dog doesn’t have a leg to stand on” were the words of the orthopedic surgeon doing an evaluation on Buddy.

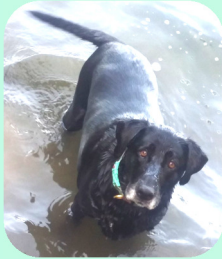
Buddy came to Old Dog Haven from the shelter and he was in tough shape. He had a dislocated shoulder and both knees were moving in and out of their sockets; one did not stay in the joint at all. At first it was thought a leg would need to be amputated.

It was heartbreaking to see him move around, but he figured out a way to move that would keep him on his feet and moving forward. His left back leg hung out, limp like a broken chicken wing.





**GEMMA**



**ANNIE**

It was a challenge for Old Dog Haven to know what to do first for him. He needed pain meds, needed to be able to walk, needed help for his dislocated shoulder, he needed a dental, but The Old Dog Haven Puzzle Master (Judith) put together a plan. First his back leg was rebuilt. As his overall stability was evaluated by an orthopedic surgeon, the best solution was to give him one good leg to stand on. He has recovered and it is amazing to see him get around. Next, his dislocated shoulder was addressed. He got a brace that supports his shoulder and front leg. Then he was able to have his dental. The veterinarian who did his dental said that he is a miracle dog to survive so much and stay such a sweet, loving, little guy.

I've seen some amazing things in my long(ish) life. I witnessed the Great Migration in the Serengeti. Hundreds of thousands of animals searching to find food and water cross the Mara River. They struggle with water currents, hazardous footholds, and crocodiles. It is very noisy; there are mamas and babies lost from each other calling out in panic; then reunited calling out in happiness. I remember wishing I had a larger vocabulary to describe the wonder, excitement, fear, loss, and joy that happens with a crossing. It is spectacular!

The same is true as I look for words to describe the process of Buddy being made whole. How vulnerable he must have felt when his body didn't have the basic ability to move forward without pain. What fortitude did it take to wake up every morning and face the same pain? What went through his head when he couldn't run or jump? As much as he wanted some love, it hurt his dislocated shoulder to get picked up and get that love. That was Buddy: Stage One.



Buddy: Stage Two went to one of the best vets a dog could ask for. His condition was examined and it was determined the best course of action was to rebuild one of his back legs. This was a long surgery; his leg was deconstructed and then rebuilt. Pins were put in to support the broken parts. Then the healing could begin. Buddy went slowly through the process of confinement, walking, a little more walking, and finally—running. It is spectacular!

Stage Three is where we are now and I wish I had the words to describe what a miracle it has been to see this little broken guy come back to life. Now healed, Buddy has a new life and like a puppy he has taken to it with joy. I wish I could bottle that joy and sprinkle it around. I'd sprinkle it on Old Dog Haven, Judith, Buddy's vet and all the people who help Old Dog Haven by donating to the Maranda Fund.

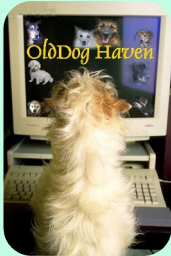


**Maranda Funds  
needed to help  
Buddy: \$4,125.56**





CHARLIE

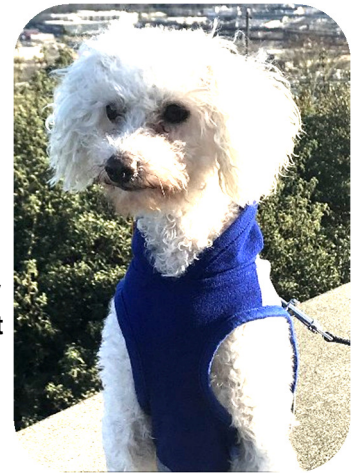


Forward to a Friend

Know somebody  
who loves old dogs?  
The more people  
who join our  
network, the more  
old dogs we can help!

## SPARKY *by Clare Eldridge*

Before you hear from Clare, here's a description of Sparky's physical condition when he first came to ODH by our Director of Veterinary Services Judith Piper: "Sparky was in eminent danger of dying first at the shelter (because they could tell something was terribly wrong in his "plumbing"), and then in the three weeks it took us to get through pre-op work and make sure he was healthy enough. It required a board-certified surgeon and a CT scan first to see what was likely there, an overnight stay at the hospital, and a lot of effort by his foster parents, who knew they were likely getting into a big surgery and



recovery so they planned for weeks off work to nurse him through it. He had two retained testicles, one of which had turned into a huge tumor—removal should be curative of the cancer there. Because he'd been left intact so long he had a huge prostatic cyst as well. All of these were removed, plus a smaller benign tumor in the area. The tumor and cyst were so large that they were very close to preventing him from urinating and defecating—a life-threatening situation. Now he's healed, shouldn't have to look back, and can enjoy his life like any other well-loved senior dog. "

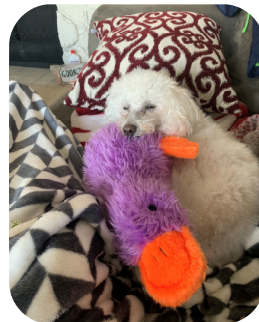


At the shelter

After his first grooming

Now from Clare:

Sparky is so great! He is such a personality and definitely thinks he is the boss of everyone he meets. He loves playing. ALL DAY. We often clean up all of the toys in the morning and then find by noon that he has pulled every single toy out again. He also loves "taking inventory" of his toys... whenever someone comes over he stacks all of his toys up just to make sure they are all still there! He knows every single one of his toys and if we put one up because it's no longer safe



to play with he searches until he finds it (which leads to a lot of dog toy surgeries for us to ensure that all of his toys live loooong lives!) We have bought back-ups of all of his favorite toys (in case of emergency or ultimate destruction) that we can change out. He definitely knows the difference, but is willing to settle for the back-up usually! He is such a character!



He loves "training time" and loves to learn new tricks! He has mastered sit, dance, lay down, and stay! He is currently working on roll-over and shake! He is so smart and really likes a lot of stimulation in his day! He gets bored quickly so he loves learning new things and solving puzzles. We call him Barky Sparky because he is a talker! He loves talking about everything! The funniest thing he does is walk around on two legs.. we often have to remind him on walks to walk on four legs and not on two—he looks like a meerkat as he walks around like "one of the humans." Sparky may be an "old dog" but don't tell him that! He believes he is still a puppy, and has an eternal puppy face to prove it!



SAMANTHA

He continues to have GI problems, and that will likely be something he continues to deal with due to the location and nature of his surgery.

Outside of his GI struggles, this surgery completely turned his life around! When we first got him he played a little but often would stop because his mass was so large and in the way of his leg. Now we literally can't keep up with him! He walks around Green Lake almost every day and never tires out! The surgery allowed him to fully become his crazy self! We love him so much and every day that he throws a toy all the way across the room, jumps five feet into the air, or runs around the house as fast as he can, we are grateful for his second chance at a happy life thanks to ODH and the Maranda Fund! Sparky is looking forward to living every day to the fullest and continuing to "spark joy" in our family.



Maranda Funds needed to help Sparky: \$6,152.65

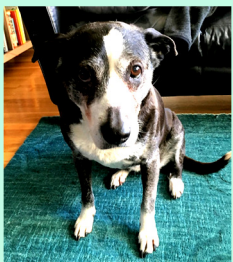
Total Maranda Funds needed to help Phillip, Buddy and Sparky: \$14,465.24



LULA BELLE

After reading about these three little guys I know you understand why the Maranda Fund is so important. That's quite a bit of money to spend on three dogs, but look at the results. Phillip, Buddy, and Sparky wouldn't be alive if Old Dog Haven hadn't taken them in. They wouldn't be healthy if we didn't have Maranda Funds to help them. These dogs wouldn't be happy if Mary, Diane, Clare, and their families didn't love them and take such good care of them. Paws up to everyone who contributed to the health and wellbeing of Phillip, Buddy, and Sparky!

If you'd like to help special needs dogs like our three courageous little guys by donating to the Maranda Fund, please follow this link: <https://olddoghaven.org/the-maranda-fund/>



SOPHI

## Message from Dawn Ford: Volunteer Coordinator

Donation can monitor

Interested in volunteering for Old Dog Haven? We're looking for new volunteers in many areas and we'd love to have you join us for a new volunteer orientation:

Sunday, June 2 1:00-3:00  
Dogwood Play Park  
12568 33rd Ave, NE  
Seattle

Light refreshments

Dogwood Play Park is a large indoor/outdoor dog friendly area so feel free to bring your dog and meet some of our dogs.

If you have questions, please contact Dawn at: [volunteer@olddoghaven.org](mailto:volunteer@olddoghaven.org)

Help with the Walk for Old Dogs and other events.

Short term foster care

Blog

Training/behavior

Thank you notes

Graphics/Design

Distribution of brochures, posters, etc.

Transport



MOXIE



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MILOU

## MAILBOX

We help adoptable homeless senior dogs (eight years and older) in western Washington by posting their pictures and information on our website and our Facebook page. The eight dogs shown below were adopted because of those posts AND your shares on Facebook. On behalf of Donny, Elf, JD, Mimi, Maggie, Tia, Tasha, and Trixie, thank you for sharing!



Donny was posted for Greyhound Pets. He's seen above with his adoptive family.



Elf was adopted by Therese several years ago and he's still loving his forever mom and home.



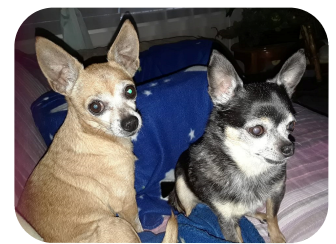
JD's adoptive family found him through a cross-post for Kitsap Animal Rescue and Education.



Mimi and Maggie were adopted together through a cross-post by Pacific Pug Rescue.



Tia, posted by Smidget Rescue, is seen above with her forever family.

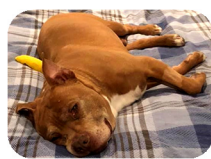


Tasha and Trixie were posted separately but adopted together.

### Letter from a donor:

"...We enjoy the cards you send to us. Please know that we read each and every one and display them proudly for all who enter our home to see. We appreciate so much what Old Dog Haven does.

"When we first found out about you, we thought, 'What a selfless, kind and loving thing to do. To care for those who have no voice. To give a peaceful refuge to those who never asked for one. To repay their life of acceptance of us with the joy of our love for them. To give respect and kindness to the creatures who freely gave the same to us. Wanting only a warm, kind hand to touch them, to help them know they are our fellow travelers. With a look in the quiet times, when we talk to them of things we would not, sometimes could not tell our human partners. Their soft, brown eyes look at us and tell us all we need to know. And we are certain they understand. We hear it in their quiet breathing. They are saying, 'I love you no matter what, thank you, and now I think I'll take a little nap 'til dinner.'"



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**PEPPY**

## WALK FOR OLD DOGS

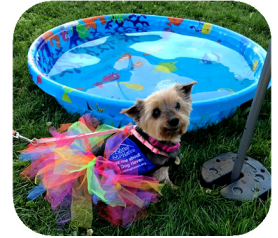
# Old Dog Haven WALK FOR OLD DOGS



Join us for the 8th Annual Walk for Old Dogs  
and

Old Dog Pageant  
Sunday, July 21, 10:00– 2:00  
CROMWELL PARK SHORELINE  
18030 Meridian Ave. N  
Shoreline, WA

Old dogs, young dogs, and people of  
all ages welcome!



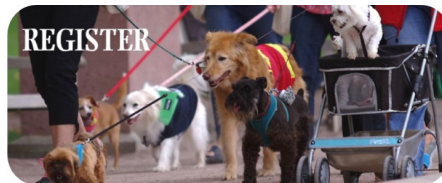
**At its heart, the Walk for Old Dogs & Old Dog Pageant is a celebration of all senior dogs.**



Each step of the Walk for Old Dogs, a promenade around a 1/3-mile paved path in Shoreline's Cromwell Park, signifies support for the hundreds of senior dogs now safe in Old Dog Haven's care, whose medical needs are being addressed. Each dollar raised brings us closer to saving another senior dog that has been surrendered or abandoned in their advanced years.

The goal of this annual fundraising event, now in its eighth year, is to raise funds to help cover veterinary expenses for the 315+ dogs in our network of private foster homes in western Washington. The vast majority of dogs taken in by Old Dog Haven are in urgent need of quality veterinary care, thanks to our generous corporate sponsors, ALL proceeds from the Walk go toward helping our dogs.

Registration is just \$35 per person (dogs and children under 12 are free) and includes free entry for contestants in the Old Dog Pageant. Online pre-registration is strongly recommended for quicker check-in—which means more time to visit our sponsor and vendor booths, enjoy a tasty treat from our food vendors (for both pets and people), enter the raffle, and mingle with our many two- and four-legged guests!



For information or to register go to  
<http://odhwalkforolddogs.org/>

The outstanding success of the Walk for Old Dogs & Old Dog Pageant is due to the generosity of our event participants, sponsors, and vendors. Donations are tax-deductible.

Check the July newsletter for more detailed information about the Walk.

To learn more about the dogs living comfortable lives in the safety of loving foster homes, visit: [http://olddoghaven.org/dog\\_category/final-refuge-dogs/](http://olddoghaven.org/dog_category/final-refuge-dogs/)



**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS** for the 8th Annual Walk for Old Dogs.  
Because of their generous support, all money raised at the walk can be used to care for our senior dogs.

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"Through careful and thorough assessment, diagnosis, and treatment, Dr. Duclos and his team can make a real difference in your pet's comfort, wellbeing, and happiness."

*Dr. Duclos and his staff take very good care of Old Dog Haven dogs that are referred to him and we feel very fortunate to have him in the Seattle area.*



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*Dr. Sullivan loves seeing our dogs and says that Old Dog Haven "has a perfect mission and a beautiful concept."*



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Fifth Avenue Animal Hospital  
Aussie Pet Mobile**

If you'd like to be a vendor at the Walk, please contact Paula at:  
[development@olddoghaven.org](mailto:development@olddoghaven.org)

## GiveBIG

Please GiveBIG to the dogs Wednesday, May 8

I give. You give. We give, together! Let's all join together on GiveBIG, May 8 to support the community and causes we care about deeply.

GiveBIG is Old Dog Haven's largest fundraiser of the year and helps the dogs in so many ways: veterinary exams, special treatment, surgery, medication, and so much more.

All money raised during GiveBIG is used to care for over 315 dogs in permanent foster care. Please help us reach our goal of raising \$90,000 during GiveBIG 2019 so we can continue caring for these wonderful senior dogs.

You can schedule your gift to Old Dog Haven today and your donation will be processed on May 8. Just click here:

<https://www.givebig2019.org/old-dog-haven>



If you can't donate money, a gift of sharing is equally valuable. Please share our GiveBIG blog post, social media posts and this e-newsletter.

With all of our hearts—animal and human—we thank YOU for believing in us, supporting our mission, and loving old dogs.



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LOLA & PINTA

## DOG SMILES



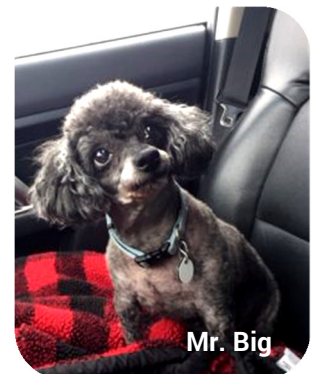
Yoda

"I thought you said this was self-serve."



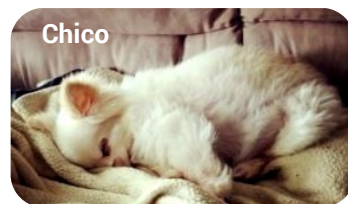
Banjo

"I win! Longest tongue and awesome airplane ears."



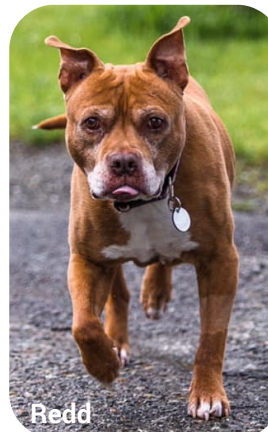
Mr. Big

"Ok, so you said we were going for a ride. What're we waiting for?"



Chico

"A walk? Right now? How about we wait until after my nap."



Redd

"Who says old dogs can't run?"



Max

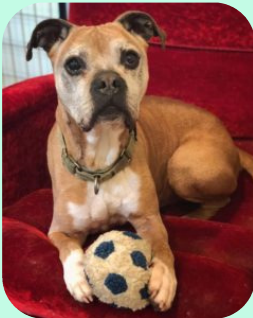
"If I promise I won't chew on my stitches will you please take this silly lampshade off?"



## SPRING MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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15 years ago our founders Judith and Lee Piper planted a seed that has grown into a beautiful, strong, healthy tree that shows off close to 7,000 blossoms. The roots of this magnificent tree are nourished by the soils of dedication, commitment and love. This tree has been watered, fed, and nurtured by our foster families—past and present—who lovingly care for the leaves and blossoms every day. The medical needs of the dogs that are the blossoms on the tree are taken care of by our donors, who, along with our veterinarians, serve as an army of caretakers for this amazing tree. The tree has many ambassadors who tell people how wonderful the tree is in so many ways: They attend events to talk about this tree, they write thank-you notes to people who donate money to help the tree grow bigger and stronger, and they raise money to care for the tree through events to bring people together who love our tree and want to participate in its growth.

Where is this tree? You know the answer. This tree—this haven of security, love and comfort ... lives in our hearts. This tree belongs to everyone reading this newsletter.

This tree is Old Dog Haven.

## DOG ACTIVITY NUMBERS JANUARY 1– APRIL 30

**333** dogs are in care as of 4/30  
**ALL** are in final refuge

**61** new dogs were taken into care between 1/1-4/30  
**53** came from shelters  
**6** came from individuals

**119** new dogs were posted to help owners find homes

**180** new dogs were helped 1/1-4/30

**94** dogs were adopted 1/1-4/30

Even nonprofits are affected by the economy. Because our responsibilities, expenses, and dogs in care are increasing, your donations are more important than ever. If you can help, please send your tax-deductible donation to:

Old Dog Haven  
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Oak Harbor WA  
98277